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BAY-DELTA
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MEDIA ADVISORY

For Thursday, April 23

LOCAL RESIDENTS ADDRESS STATE, FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON WATER ISSUES

WHAT More than 200 bay area residents are expected to tell state and federal officials how they think the California Bay-Delta system should be managed, part of a 75 day public comment period that will impact the hub of California's water system and one of the largest estuaries in the world.

California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. BAY AREA COMMUNITIES HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- ➡ What will be the impact on local water quality and availability?
- ➡ How are environmental problems of the Bay-Delta system being addressed in the plan?
- ➡ How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

WHEN Thursday, April 23, 1998
6 to 9 p.m.

WHO Local residents, business owners and elected officials
Representatives from state and federal agencies listed below

WHERE Oakland Masonic Temple, 3903 Broadway

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests to resolve the environmental and water management problems of the Bay-Delta system.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service